



Aiden - Installing nest boxes in local park a great success

This case study was transcribed from an interview. These are Aiden's words and opinions.

What was your goal and what did you achieve?

I wanted to make my very own bird boxes and put them up at the local park. I made bird boxes last year, so this year getting them up was the biggest result and they've been nested in by rainbow lorikeets, galahs and eastern rosellas.

Who did you work with?

I worked with Mark Hannam from the West Torrens Council, and with James, he's an author of *Wildlife of Greater Adelaide* and he owns Faunature.

How have you promoted and shared your work?

I shared my work with the school, but mainly with the community. I was in a newspaper article called *The Kaleidoscope* run by the City of Charles Sturt and that's the main reason I've shared it with the community.

What challenges did you face this year?

My biggest challenge is motivating myself to do it. Just getting yourself out of bed and saying 'I'm going to do this today' - that's one of my biggest challenges. I've overcome it by saying 'I'm going to do a little bit at a time'.

What will happen now?

My original project was about re-vegetating my local park and turning it back to where it was before we were here. The first step was getting the nesting for birds in there, so now I've got that I'm going to try re-vegetating and maybe get some native bee boxes or bee hotels in there.

Your advice to other students?

My advice would be if you email the council and ask them for something - if they didn't get back to you in even a week, email them again because lots of times they can't be bothered doing anything. Just keep on bugging them to do it and they'll do it eventually.

What have you enjoyed most?

What I've enjoyed most about doing this project is seeing the birds eventually nesting in them. When I first put them up, the day after, rainbow lorikeets were already investigating and looking around, and then galahs came along. Then the rainbow lorikeets started nesting in them, then galahs started nesting in them and then eastern rosellas started nesting in them so that's really my favourite thing about this.

